

Remarks

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner has required the election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. More particularly, the Examiner required applicants to select from a cosmetic composition and antiperspirant or deodorant composition (Group I, claims 14-35); and a pharmaceutical composition (Group II, claim 36).

In addition the Examiner required election of species:

- a) branched α -olefin containing 5-18 carbons,
- b) linear α -olefin containing 4-10 carbons,
- c) mixture of a branched α -olefin containing 4-18 carbons, and a linear α -olefin containing 3-18 carbons,
- d) mixture of various branched α -olefins containing 4-18 carbons, and linear α -olefins containing 3-18 carbons.

Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the statements made by the Examiner in the office action, applicants are making, the following elections:

Election of invention, **with traverse**:

Group I, claims 14-35, drawn to a cosmetic composition and antiperspirant or deodorant composition.

Applicants fail to understand the Examiner's reasoning in separating out a single pharmaceutical composition claim (claim 36), when cosmetic and pharmaceutical compositions are commonly grouped together. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and claims 14-36 be examined on the merits.

Election of species, **without traverse:**

a) branched α -olefin containing 5-18 carbons

The undersigned respectfully submits that the response presented herein comprises a full and complete response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction as set forth in the office action mailed March 26, 2010.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response, invitation is respectfully made to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number indicated below.

If any additional fees are required to further the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

Respectfully submitted,

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